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Councilmember Lightner lends support to proposed “Reform Before Revenue” Ballot Measure

SAN DIEGO --- Councilmember Sherri Lightner joined five of her Council colleagues today in voting to direct the City Attorney to draft the proposed language for the “Reform Before Revenue” Ballot Measure.

“I understand that some have referred to me as the swing vote on this issue. I hope I have made it very clear that I believe the voters should have the ultimate decision on whether they support implementing a temporary sales tax increase,” Lightner stated.

“My district has been one of the most impacted by the last round of budget cuts to public safety, especially with two browned-out fire engines in Rancho Peñasquitos and University City and the removal of year-round lifeguard coverage from Black’s Beach.”

“At today’s meeting, I joined my colleague, Councilmember Young, in strengthening the proposed ballot measure by requiring all reforms to be implemented before the sales tax can be enacted. I did not believe that the original proposal on the table went far enough to guarantee these important reforms would be achieved in a timely manner.”

“There may be challenges with implementing some of these measures within the time frame specified, but I am confident we can resolve these issues in the next few days. The end goal remains the same: getting a proposal before the voters that allows us to maintain existing levels of city services and achieve important reforms.”

“There remain many details to be resolved and some important questions to be answered by the City Attorney, who is working hard to get us the information we need to move forward with this proposal at our next meeting on Wednesday.”

“I look forward to continuing to work with the Mayor, City Attorney, Independent Budget Analyst and my Council colleagues to put a measure before the voters that can ultimately win their approval and bring real reform, along with needed revenues, to our City,” Lightner concluded.

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